Recruitment in Railways

†2400. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons recruited in Railways during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the posts against which recruitment have been made;

(c) the process followed in the recruitment during the last three years; and

(d) the posts at which persons from Bihar have been recruited in the said recruitment alongwith the number of such persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) State-wise figures are not maintained on the Railways. Recruitment figures for the last three years done in Group 'A', Group 'C and Group 'D' category posts is as under:—

Year		Recruitment Made
2006	—	35063
2007	—	34542
2008	—	39480

(b) Recruitment has been made against vacancies existing in Group 'A', Group 'C' and Group 'D' category posts on the Railways.

(c) Recruitment to Group 'A' posts is made through various examinations by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), as per the laid down procedure. Recruitment to Group 'C' posts is normally a one stage process, consisting of written examination. While for Group 'D' posts, a two stage recruitment process is adopted, consisting of Physical Efficiency Test (PET), followed by a written examination, of the Physical Efficiency Test (PET) qualified candidates. For Group 'D' recruitment from open market, this process is effective from 12.3.2007. Prior to that, with effect from 18.7.2005, the procedure was a two stage process consisting of written examination, followed by Physical Efficiency Test (PET), of candidates coming out successful in written test.

(d) Information cannot be furnished since State-wise data of recruitment is not maintained on the Railways.

Shortage of licensed porters

2401. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of licensed porters at almost all the major railway stations in the country, which is causing hardship, particularly to the elderly persons and ladies;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the extent of shortage of porters at Bangalore, Mangalore and Mysore railway stations as on 30th June, 2009, with reference to the sanctioned strength alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation so that the passengers are not exploited by the porters in connivance with railway staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The sanctioned strength and shortage of licensed porters at Bangalore, Mangalore and Mysore railway stations are as under:—

Name of stations	Sanctioned strength of LPs	Shortage
Bangalore	300	51
Mangalore	20	10
Mysore	71	38

The process of engaging fresh licensed porters has already been initiated and availability of licensed porters is ensured through redeployment within the Division. To overcome the problem of exploitation by the porters, regular checks are conducted at stations. The badges of the licensed porters involved in such activities are impounded/suspended.

Upgradation of Talcher station

2402. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of revenue collected from Talcher station in each of the last three years by the East Coast Railway and its position among the stations in collection of revenue; and

(b) the reasons why Government has not upgraded it to a model station so far, in view of the importance of the station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The revenue collected from Talcher station during the last three years are as under:—

Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Revenue collected (Rs. in crore)	1051.26	1142.23	1292.69

The earnings of Talcher station is the highest amongst all the stations of East Coast Railway.

(b) Talcher railway station was identified as Modern station during 2007-08 for the purpose of modernization and given a face-lift. Following modernization works have been taken in hand and planned for completion by 31st August, 2009:—

(i) Provision of multi-line Train Indication Board;